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June 15, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Savannah, located in Hardin County in southern West Tennessee is proud of its rich history and tradition. Today, Savannah remains a great place to live, work and visit. As city officials, we strive to balance Savannah's rich 19th Century heritage with forward-thinking ideas that will carry us through the 21st Century.

That commitment to forward-thinking ideas is exactly why we support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. Our city's population of roughly 7,000 needs new technology like mobile broadband, which is what we can look forward to as a result of this merger. Combining the resources of these two companies to further expand mobile coverage would hopefully lead to investment and jobs in our area.

Also important to our area specifically are potential benefits to education. With Jackson State Community College within our city limits and the Tennessee Technology Center at Crump located less than five minutes from Savannah, Savannah offers first-rate options for continued learning. With greater access to mobile broadband, our students will experience enhanced communications options, and as a rural area, we need broadband to improve the classroom experience and distance learning options.

The subsequent investment and advanced educational potential of this merger is good for rural areas like ours. I ask you for your support of this merger and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry Welch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Garry Welch, City Manager  
City of Savannah, Tennessee